

## Hawkins, Cheryla

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**From:** Cogliano, Vincent  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 5:16 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Hawkins, Cheryla; Otto, Martha  
**Subject:** Disposition of correspondence with the Scientific Integrity Program

Dear (b) (6)

I am writing with respect to your email of May 28, 2015, to Francesca Grifo on (b) (6) and (b) (6). Dr. Grifo is on extended leave and I am serving as her backup.

Your email had been logged as an allegation of a violation of EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy, but after considering the materials and correspondence in the file, I see this as a policy disagreement arising from differing scientific opinions. Your email mentions that the question of (b) (6) has been debated within EPA for years, so it appears that the differing scientific opinions have been expressed. As the Scientific Integrity Program is not here to arbitrate policy disputes or differing scientific opinions, we are considering the matter closed from our perspective.

Thank you for your work at EPA, and I wish you well.

Sincerely yours,  
Vincent Cogliano

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